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My dear Ray:

I was delighted to have your letter of February 21 and to know that you are in such an ideal spot. We are just getting ready to leave for Ames, Iowa, tomorrow. Kirk Scott sprained his ankle badly day before yesterday and he has a pretty flat tire. This is going to hit us pretty hard, but we are going to give those Cyclones everything we have got.

You know how we can battle them, Ray, when the chips are down and when we are crippled and the odds are against us. But frankly, Iowa State have the odds on us because our boys are not stable enough in the clutches. I think the boys have done exceptionally well for the training that they have had. You see, they do not have any freshman training fundamentals, and that reacts against us in a very definite way.

Time after time a man is open but in their excitement they fail to locate him and then when they come down the floor on the offense you never know what they are going to do. Sometimes they respond correctly, and at other times they go haywire. But in war time, you know, Ray, it is not like it is when peace is on the earth. We are waiting until that time and you and the other boys are back - and we can meet one Gerald Tucker who hails from Winfield, Kansas, and who has his temporary abode in the Sooner state! Well, I promised that guy three years of the toughest competition in the Big Six, and I want you boys to help me out in making that come true.

Keep the contact up with Bob Hendren, as you doubtless can do more than anyone else. Every once in a while give me the dope if you happen to be with him, and I will continue to fire epistles to him. He did not answer my letter, but I know how that goes with boys in the service, - they are just too busy and can't find time.

I will tell our gang that you wish them well and I will promise you they will fight for you if they will fight for anybody. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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